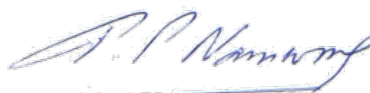


STATEMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I, Father Peter-Prayoon Namwong of 307 Mittrapap-Nongkhai Road, Nakhonratchasima City, 30000 Thailand, hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm as follows:

1. I am a Catholic diocese priest and in charge of a large school and a Hospital in the town of Nakhornratchasima, Nakhornratchasima Province.
2. I am a Thai citizen and have been working with Vietnamese refugees since 1975.
3. From 1975, I was the former Chaplain at Sikiu Detention Camp, situated in the District of Sikiu, Nakhonratchasima Province. My role was to assist those detained at the site, mostly Vietnamese and Laotian asylum seekers. I helped them practice their faith, and other humanitarian and social aspects, such as education, food, and financing.
4. In 1996, Sikiu Detention Camp was closed down (after being temporarily closed in 1985 and reopening again in 1991).
5. Many of detainees, namely Vietnamese asylum seekers were not given automatic refugee status and were forced to return to Vietnam.
6. Given that many of these Vietnamese asylum seekers would still face a high risk of persecution upon return to Vietnam, they decided to remain in Thailand without any support. Even after the closure of the Sikiu Detention Camp, I remained in close contact with many of the Vietnamese asylum seekers.
7. In 2006, I met Hoi Trinh of VOICE and started working with him to resettle these Vietnamese asylum seekers.
8. On December 17, 2012, a Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) relating to Vietnamese persons in Thailand was signed between the Vietnamese Canadian Federation (**VCF**), on behalf of VOICE, and the Government of Canada. This was so that certain Vietnamese persons residing in Thailand without status could immigrate to Canada.
9. One of the conditions of the MOU states that VCF will identify which Vietnamese individuals residing in Thailand without status are eligible for immigration to Canada, according to a criteria set out by the MOU. This criterion includes that the Vietnamese individual residing in Thailand without status had left Vietnam between 1984 and 1991 (**the Criteria**).
10. As I was the former Chaplain at Sikiu Detention Camp since 1975 and having maintained contact with many of the Vietnamese asylum seekers that remained in Thailand, I can confirm which Vietnamese individuals living in Thailand can satisfy the Criteria and resided at the Sikiu Detention Camp. As such, I assisted VOICE and referred all the Vietnamese persons residing in Thailand who were eligible for immigration to Canada under the MOU, including all the individuals that were eventually resettled to Canada under the MOU.
11. I confirm that all the information I provided to VCF, VOICE, the Government of Canada, and UNHCR regarding the above is accurate and true.



12. I confirm that based on my dealings with Hoi Trinh and all volunteers of VOICE, they acted in good faith with absolute honesty in relation to the resettlement of the Vietnamese individuals residing in Thailand to Canada.

13. Please contact me by email: peteprayoon@yahoo.com for further information.

Affirmed on February 14, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "P. Namwong", written over a horizontal line.

Affirmant: Father Peter-Prayoon Namwong